

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair, as well as any other media owner should not be allowed to air programs in the manner of "Stolen Honor" without being required to do the same for the other side. Why is Sinclair not being required to air "Going Upriver" or "Fahrenheit 911"? The airwaves belong to the people and should not be available to a single propagandist.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.